

# **Economic Development Advisory Board**

## **January 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Call to order**

Chair Chuck Goad called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board at 3:30 PM on January 4, 2022, at Memorial Hall and via conference call.

### **II. Roll call**

The following members were present:

Chair Chuck Goad (16-1)  
Vice-Chair Wayne Stephany (17-0)  
Jason Curtis (16-1)  
J.D. Cox (1-0)  
Tabitha Snodgrass (Ex-Officio)  
Lisa Wilson (Ex-Officio)  
April Nutt (Ex-Officio)

The following members were absent:

Brian Hight (resigned)  
Lori Kelley (15-2)  
Paul Yaroslaski (14-3)

The following staff were present:

Kelly Passauer, City Manager  
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager  
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance  
Jordan Bagley, I.T.

The following visitors were present:

### **III. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2021**

A motion was made by Chuck Goad to approve the minutes, seconded by Wayne Stephany. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Items for Discussion**

### **A. Update on Internet Access**

- Internet Subcommittee

Members are Wayne Stephany, Paul Yaroslaski, Jason Curtis, Jordan Bagley and David Cowan.

Wayne Stephany summarized the subcommittee's report of their January 3, 2022 meeting. A meeting with county representatives, other City representatives, and MCAC regarding broadband was suggested prior to meeting with Stanley Adams.

### **B. Review of Business Incentive Information**

- Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

It was recommended that the City ask the County for their packet of information to use in formatting and presenting the information in a cohesive manner.

- Policy

Chuck Goad noted that he has some recommendations for changes/amendments that he will try to get done to present to the board at their April meeting for review and recommendation to the Commission at their March meeting.

- First Friday – How to Start a Business

The board requested to Lisa Wilson an overview of how the BEST committee under the Chamber of Commerce works. It was proposed that Lisa deliver a First Friday presentation on BEST and highlight "How to Start a Business in Independence" and the possibility of using a recording of the presentation as advertising or marketing for the Chamber/Main Street/City websites. Lisa noted that she would look into putting this on the docket for March's First Friday.

### **C. Other Items for Discussion**

Lacey Lies shared a write up compiled for the City's biennial bond rating review covering economic development within the city and surrounding area over the last two years.

It was discussed that two sub-committees be established:

#### **1. Land Acquisition Sub-Committee:**

Chuck Goad, JD Cox, Tabatha Snodgrass, Lacey Lies, Kelly Passauer, and April Nutt

#### **2. Annexation Sub-Committee:**

Chuck Goad, JD Cox, Wayne Stephany, John Garris, Lacey Lies, and April Nutt

Lacey Lies reminded the board that if anyone wants anything in particular on the next agenda to please let her know a week prior to the next meeting.

## **V. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Jason Curtis, seconded by JD Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved by:

*Charles W Goad*

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Chuck Goad, Chair

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Paul Yaroslaski, Secretary